guidelines and the revised textbooks of the NCERT, the State Governments are expected to adopt or adapt, the same for revision of schools curricula, syllabi and textbooks in their respective school systems in a phased manner.

An overwhelming majority of the schools in the country are under the control of State Governments and they enjoy full autonomy in all school education matters, including prescription of syllabi and textbooks, within their respective jurisdiction.

(d) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Liquified Natural Gas

797. SHRI AMAR PAL SINGH :
SHRI P.C. THOMAS :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received request from some State Governments to provide Liquified Natural Gas for various industrial undertakings and power plants in their areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last two years, State-wise and action taken by the Union Government thereon;

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to set up a vast network of Liquified Natural Gas for providing unadulterated and inexpensive fuel for primary sector projects especially for power plants;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the estimated cost of the project; and

(f) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) to (d) The Union Government has received requests from some of the State Govts. to provide gas for various industrial undertakings and power plants in their areas. Govt. of Tamil Nadu has asked for concurrence of the Union Govt. for setting up of LNG Terminal & utilisation of LNG for the power plants Govt. of Kerala has requested the Union Govt. to set up LNG Terminal at Cochin. As per current import policy, LNG is on the OGL list and can be imported by any State agency or private party.

The Union Govt. has approved the formation of a Joint Venture Company with equity participation of upto 50% from GAIL, ONGC, IOC & BPCL to import LNG, for setting up of LNG Terminals and to supply gas to power plants. Possibility of setting up terminals at Cochin, Ennore, Mangalore, Hazira, Dahej is being explored. Techno-economic study is being carried out for the import of LNG to India.

(e) It is estimated that each LNG Import Terminal with capacity to handle 2.5 million tonnes per annum would cost Rs. 1500 crores.

(f) The technical offers received from various International Companies are presently under evaluation and discussion by the Joint Venture Company. This process is expected to take about 18 months time for finalisation.

Setting up of Maulana Azad Urdu University

798. SHRI ILIYAS AZMI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any progress has been made in regard to setting up of Maulana Azad Urdu University; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b) The process of appointment to the posts of first Vice-Chancellor and first Registar of the Maulana Azad National Urdu University has already been set in motion.

[English]

Oil Pool Account

799. SHRI TARIT BARAN TOPDAR :
SHRI A. SAMPATH :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether where are some loopholes relating to transfer of fund from the oil pool account causing tax loss amounting to thousands of crores every year to the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the remedial measures taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.